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SUBJECT: SA REPRESENTATION ON IMF EXECUTIVE BOARD

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1. YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUE PARAGRAPH 2 REFERENCE (A)
CORRECT. WE WOULD ADD FURTHER CLARIFICATION.

2. SA NEVER HAD SEAT TO LOSE. IN IMF, COUNTRIES NOT
APPOINTING THEIR OWN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELECT FIFTEEN EDS.
EDS SO ELECTED REPRESENT COUNTRIES WHICH VOTED FOR THEM.

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PREVIOUSLY, SA HAD BEEN PART OF CONSTITUENCY OF AUSTRALIAN

ED. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIANS TOLD SA THAT THEY WOULD NO LONGER REPRESENT THEM. (TECHNICALLY, SA COULD HAVE CONTINUED TO BE PART OF AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUENCY BY VOTING ANYWAY FOR AUSTRALIAN ED, BUT WOULD HAVE RECEIVED NO REAL REPRESENTATION.)

3. SA THEN HOPED TO FORM A NEW CONSTITUENCY WITH SPAIN AND TURKEY. THIS EFFORT, IF SUCCESSFUL, WOULD HAVE THREATENED LOSS OF SEAT FOR A WEAK CONSTITUENCY GROUP OF LDCS AND THEREBY CREATED PRESSURE FOR EXPANSION OF NUMBER OF SEATS. WE DID NOT OPPOSE SA-TURK-SPAN GROUP, BUT DID OPPOSE EXPANSION OF EDS FOR REASONS GIVEN REFERENCE (B).

4. DUE TO REASONS OF THEIR OWN, PROBABLY INCLUDING A DESIRE TO AVOID OFFENDING AFRICAN AND LDC GROUPS, SPAIN AND TURK DECIDED NOT TO FORM NEW CONSTITUENCY WITH SA. WITH FAILURE OF EFFORT, SA ABSTAINED FROM CASTING VOTE FOR ED. (APPARENTLY NO OTHER CONSTITUENCY INVITED SA TO JOIN.)

5. THE US POSITION DID NOT INTEND TO DEPRIVE SA OF REPRESENTATION ON EXECUTIVE BOARD. IN ANY CASE, THE US POSITION WAS NOT THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF SA FAILURE. THE PRIMARY CAUSE WAS AUSTRALIA'S ACTION FOLLOWED BY THOSE OF SPAIN AND TURKEY. CERTAINLY WE DID NOT INTEND THAT SA BE DEPRIVED OF REPRESENTATION IN IMF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE ALL IMF MEMBERS OUGHT TO BE REPRESENTED.

6. EMBASSY MAY USE ABOVE AS NECESSARY. INGERSOLL

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